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I feel that the proposed settlement is much too weak because it does not address Microsoft Office, Microsoft .NET, or security protocols.

#### Microsoft Office

A large part of my many people (myself included) feel that they must own and run a Microsoft operating system is to communicate with Microsoft Office users. The file formats for Office documents should be open and available.

#### Security

Many in the developer community are worried about being shut out of developing applications that work with Microsoft operating systems and applications because they won't have access to the security protocols being used. The settlement addresses transfer protocols, but needs to better address the authentication and encryption of the messages being transferred.

#### Microsoft .NET

I run a software company that builds Web services as its business. We have a small software niche, and therefore need to interoperate with software from other companies. We happen to deploy our services on machines running Unix operating systems. This means we are afraid of being unable to interoperate with Microsoft .NET services, which might destroy our business, or force us to be .NET developers. This is the most important hole in the settlement, as Microsoft executives have stated that they expect .NET to be the future of all application deployment.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed settlement.

Sincerely,  
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